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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my opinion that litigation against Microsoft should have never occurred in the first place. Our government has dragged this thing out long enough while it should be focusing on far more important issues.

One of the first items of the settlement I would like to address has to do with contractual restrictions. Under terms of the settlement, Microsoft has agreed to not enter into any third party agreements, which require distributors to exclusively deliver their items, or at a fixed percentage. This is how most companies maintain market share such as Pepsi and Coca-Cola. I believe this concession is detrimental to Microsoft and inhibits their ability to compete in a free market.

Secondly, in regards to the disclosure of interfaces that Microsoft is being forced to do, I think that it is ludicrous. Microsoft has been the leading innovator of technology and services over the last decade. They should be rewarded for their innovation and be allowed to keep their technological secrets that have propelled them to where they are today.

The best interests of the American public will be served when the nine states drop their lawsuits. The government must stop interfering with private enterprise.

Sincerely,

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